

MODEL CITY NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION STRATEGY AREA PROFILE

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Preface

This is one of a series of short profiles of Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Areas in Miami-Dade County, Florida. These areas are targeted for assistance by the Miami-Dade County Office of Community and Economic Development under the U.S. HUD Community Development Block Grant program.

These profiles present data from the 2000 Census, Summary Files 1 and 3. Summary File 1 includes basic demographic and housing characteristics from the census "short form" which went to all households. Summary File 3 data are from the census "long form," sent to a sample of one-in-ten households in Miami-Dade. These data include economic and social measures such as income, poverty, employment, and education. Where possible, data from 2000 are compared to 1990 and 1980 data to describe change in these communities.

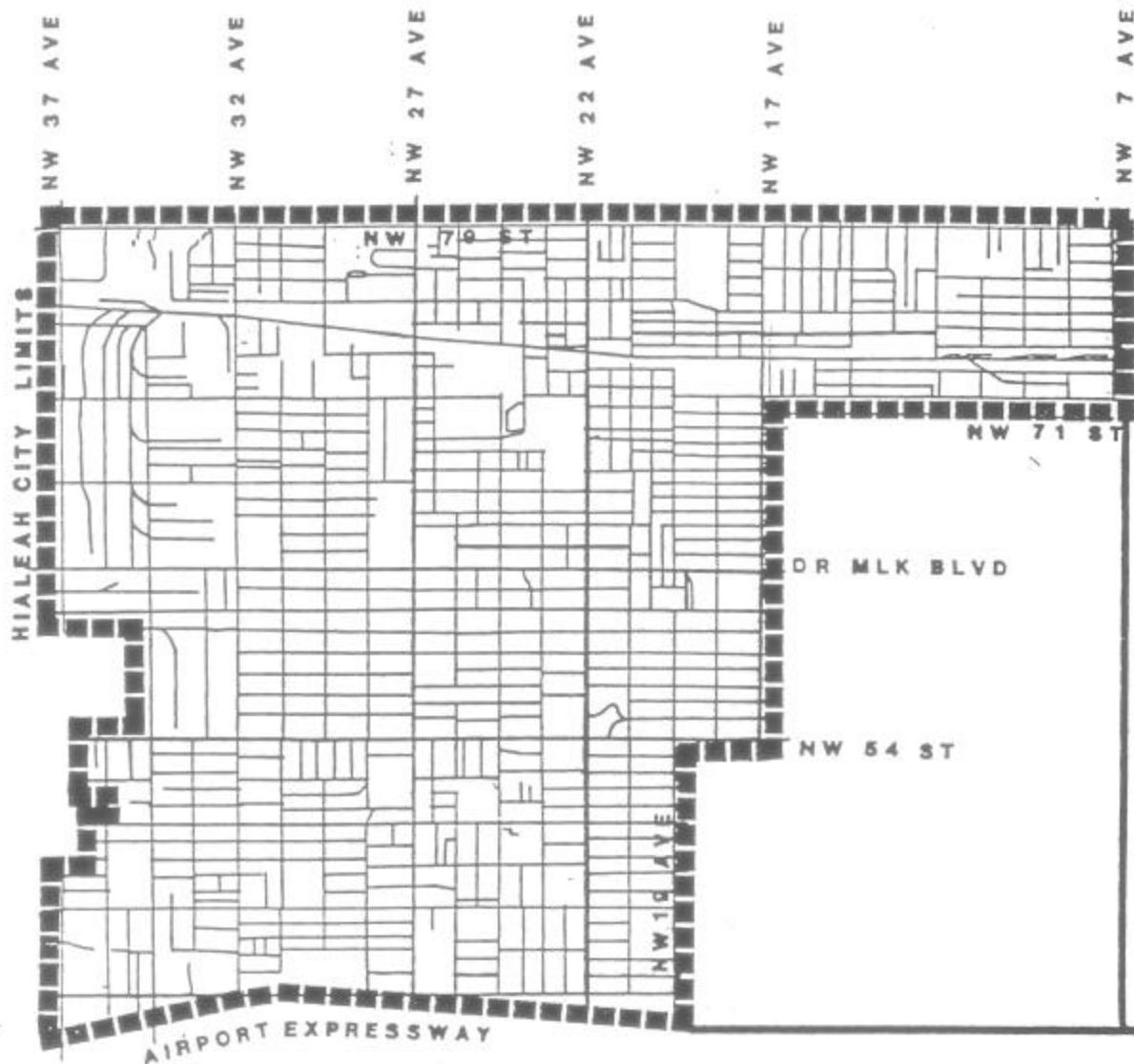
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Model City

Model City is a Black community in NW Miami-Dade between the City of Miami and the City of Hialeah. Census data since 1980 show a declining population. At the time of the 2000 census it had very high poverty and unemployment rates. Both poverty and unemployment grew in the 1990s. The median household income is well below the County average. Households in Model City are more likely to rent than own their housing units. The value of housing, both mean home value and rent, is well below the County averages.

Model City's residents had a lower level of educational attainment than the residents of Miami-Dade County.

It seems the Model City Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area faces a wide range of social and economic challenges that became more severe between 1990 and 2000.



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Introduction

The Model City Target Area includes areas of unincorporated Miami-Dade County in the Brownsville and Gladeview neighborhoods. It is bounded on the north by NW 79th Street, on the east by the Hialeah City limits running south to the Miami City limits. The boundary then runs east and north along the Miami City limits then to NW 79th Street.

Some of the neighborhoods that comprise Model City are among the oldest Black communities in Miami-Dade County. The Model City title stems from the Model Cities program of the 1960s, which attempted to coordinate social and physical development programs in designated areas.

Liberty City received its name from Liberty Square, the first public housing project in Florida. Due in part to the efforts of the Reverend John E. Culmer, who was concerned about increasing overcrowding in the Overtown area, Liberty Square was developed in 1937. Brownsville, also known as Brown's Sub, was platted by a Black man, W.L. Brown, in the 1920s.

Demographic Characteristics

Total Population

The 2000 population of 28,861 represents an 8 percent decline from the 1990 population of 31,311, a continuation of the decline of the 1970s and 1980s.

Black and Hispanic Population

Model City is a Black community. In 1990, Blacks comprised 85 percent of the population, much higher than Miami-Dade's 21 percent, but down from the 91 percent reported in 1990.

Whites, who were only 9 percent of the population in 1980, declined to 8 percent in 1990 but increased to 13 percent in 2000. These were primarily Hispanic Whites. Non-Hispanic Whites were 7 percent in 1980, 2 percent in 1990, and 1 percent in 2000. In absolute numbers, the non-Hispanic White population declined to 392 in 2000.

Persons of Hispanic origin, who can be of any race, comprised 3 percent of the population in 1980, 8 percent in 1990, and 15 percent in 2000.

Table 1
Population by Race and Hispanic Origin
Model City and Miami-Dade County
1980 - 2000

| | 1980 | Change 80 to 90 | 1990 | Change 90 to 00 | 2000 |
|--------------------|-------------|----------------------------|-------------|----------------------------|-------------|
| Total | 37,273 | -5,962 | 31,311 | -2,450 | 28,861 |
| Black | 33,604 | -5,105 | 28,499 | -4,003 | 24,496 |
| Hispanic | 1,147 | 1,219 | 2,366 | 1,901 | 4,267 |
| White | 3,281 | -833 | 2,448 | 1,206 | 3,654 |
| Non Hispanic White | 2,723 | -2,080 | 643 | -251 | 392 |
| Non Hispanic Black | 33,248 | -5,015 | 28,233 | -4132 | 24,101 |
| Percent | | | | | |
| Total | 100% | -16% | 100% | -8% | 100% |
| Black | 90% | -15% | 91% | -14% | 85% |
| Hispanic | 3% | 106% | 8% | 80% | 15% |
| White | 9% | -25% | 8% | 49% | 13% |
| Non Hispanic White | 7% | -76% | 2% | -39% | 1% |
| Non Hispanic Black | 89% | -15% | 90% | -15% | 84% |
| Miami-Dade | | | | | |
| Total | 100% | 19% | 100% | 16% | 100% |
| Black | 17% | 42% | 21% | 21% | 21% |
| Hispanic | 36% | 64% | 49% | 35% | 57% |
| White | 78% | 12% | 73% | 15% | 72% |
| Non Hispanic White | 46% | -22% | 30% | -19% | 21% |
| Non Hispanic Black | 17% | 37% | 19% | 20% | 20% |

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Census of Population and Housing, Summary Tape File 1A, Florida, 1980, 1990. U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000, Summary File 1, Miami-Dade County Department of Planning and Zoning, Research Section, 2003.

Age

Like many predominantly Black communities, Model City is a young community. In 2000, 60 percent of the population was under 35 years compared to the 48 percent reported for Miami-Dade County. There were relatively few persons age 65 years and over, 10 percent compared to Miami-Dade's 13 percent. The age structure of the population shows little change over the past two decades.

Table 2
Age Distribution
Model City and Miami-Dade County
1980-2000

| | Model City | | | Miami-Dade | | |
|---------------|-------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------|-------------|
| | 1980 | 1990 | 2000 | 1980 | 1990 | 2000 |
| Total Persons | 37,273 | 31,411 | 28,861 | 1,623,781 | 1,937,094 | 2,253,362 |
| Less than 5 | 3,343 | 3,473 | 2,364 | 94,237 | 139,714 | 157,871 |
| 5 to 9 | 3,425 | 3,443 | 3,069 | 101,385 | 131,426 | 145,752 |
| 10-14 | 3,907 | 2,889 | 3,335 | 111,386 | 120,490 | 160,754 |
| 15-19 | 4,300 | 2,651 | 2,792 | 136,285 | 131,060 | 154,989 |
| 20-24 | 3,677 | 2,368 | 1,887 | 133,039 | 139,196 | 144,721 |
| 25-29 | 2,623 | 2,373 | 1,709 | 125,898 | 168,342 | 163,859 |
| 30-34 | 1,844 | 2,361 | 1,748 | 114,333 | 163,334 | 173,574 |
| 35-44 | 3,576 | 3,360 | 3,993 | 192,585 | 278,043 | 361,966 |
| 45-54 | 3,835 | 2,650 | 2,747 | 187,309 | 212,098 | 282,766 |
| 55-59 | 1,763 | 1,387 | 1,013 | 90,929 | 91,769 | 109,141 |
| 60-64 | 1,537 | 1,340 | 1,073 | 80,555 | 90,816 | 97,417 |
| 65-74 | 2,365 | 1,916 | 1,842 | 149,491 | 146,131 | 162,257 |
| 75+ | 1,078 | 1,200 | 1,289 | 105,698 | 124,675 | 138,295 |
| | Model City | | | Miami-Dade | | |
| Total Persons | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% |
| Less than 5 | 9% | 11% | 8% | 6% | 7% | 7% |
| 5 to 9 | 9% | 11% | 11% | 6% | 7% | 6% |
| 10-14 | 10% | 9% | 12% | 7% | 6% | 7% |
| 15-19 | 12% | 8% | 10% | 8% | 7% | 7% |
| 20-24 | 10% | 8% | 7% | 8% | 7% | 6% |
| 25-29 | 7% | 8% | 6% | 8% | 9% | 7% |
| 30-34 | 5% | 8% | 6% | 7% | 8% | 8% |
| 35-44 | 10% | 11% | 14% | 12% | 14% | 16% |
| 45-54 | 10% | 8% | 10% | 12% | 11% | 13% |
| 55-59 | 5% | 4% | 4% | 6% | 5% | 5% |
| 60-64 | 4% | 4% | 4% | 5% | 5% | 4% |
| 65-74 | 6% | 6% | 6% | 9% | 8% | 7% |
| 75+ | 3% | 4% | 4% | 7% | 6% | 6% |

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Census of Population and Housing, Summary Tape File 1A, Florida, 1980 and 1990. U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000, Miami-Dade County Department of Planning and Zoning, Research Section, 2003.

Household Structure

Like most of Miami-Dade, the majority of Model City residents (70 percent) lived in family households. A family household is two or more persons living in a housing unit who are related by blood, marriage or adoption.

In Model City, there were fewer married couples and many more families with a female householder and no husband present. Only 34 percent of Model City's households were married-couple households, lower than Miami-Dade's 68 percent. This was much lower than the reported 40 percent in 1990, and continued the trend of the 1980s.

Single-parent, female-householder families with children comprised 33 percent of all family households in Model City, more than twice Miami-Dade's 16 percent.

Table 3
Households by Family Status
Model City and Miami-Dade County
1990-2000

| | Model City | | | Miami-Dade | | |
|-----------------------|------------|--------------------|-------|------------|--------------------|---------|
| | 1990 | Change 90 to 00 | 2000 | 1990 | Change 90 to 00 | 2000 |
| Total Households | 9,940 | -767 | 9,173 | 692,355 | 84,419 | 776,774 |
| Family Households | 7,034 | -581 | 6,453 | 481,260 | 67,233 | 548,493 |
| Married Couple | 2,424 | -308 | 2,116 | 342,512 | 28,386 | 370,898 |
| With children | 1,222 | -240 | 982 | 164,216 | 11,331 | 175,547 |
| No children | 1,202 | -68 | 1,134 | 178,296 | 17,055 | 195,351 |
| Male Householder | 687 | 7 | 694 | 35,377 | 8,547 | 43,924 |
| With children | 376 | -95 | 281 | 17,177 | -288 | 16,889 |
| No children | 311 | 102 | 413 | 18,200 | 8,835 | 27,035 |
| Female householder | 3,923 | -280 | 3,643 | 103,371 | 30,300 | 133,671 |
| With children | 3,068 | -957 | 2,111 | 64,848 | 5,468 | 70,316 |
| No children | 855 | 677 | 1,532 | 38,523 | 24,832 | 63,355 |
| Non-family Households | 2,906 | -186 | 2,720 | 211,092 | 17,189 | 228,281 |
| Percent | | | | | | |
| Total Households | 100% | -8% | 100% | 100% | 12% | 100% |
| Family Households | 71% | -8% | 70% | 70% | 14% | 71% |
| Married Couple | 24% | -13% | 23% | 49% | 8% | 48% |
| With children | 12% | -20% | 11% | 24% | 7% | 23% |
| No children | 12% | -6% | 12% | 26% | 10% | 25% |
| Male Householder | 7% | 1% | 8% | 5% | 24% | 6% |
| With children | 4% | -25% | 3% | 2% | -2% | 2% |
| No children | 3% | 33% | 5% | 3% | 49% | 3% |
| Female householder | 39% | -7% | 40% | 15% | 29% | 17% |
| With children | 31% | -31% | 23% | 9% | 8% | 9% |
| No children | 9% | 79% | 17% | 6% | 64% | 8% |
| Non-family Households | 29% | -6% | 30% | 30% | 8% | 29% |

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000, Summary File 1, Miami-Dade County Department of Planning and Zoning, Research Section, 2003.

Housing

Number of Units

The 10,613 housing units reported in 2000 was a decline from the 11,137 reported in 1990, a continuation of the decline of the previous decade.

Tenure and Vacancy

The vacancy rate in Model City was high. At 14 percent in 2000, it was more than Miami-Dade's 9 percent.

The owner-occupied share of occupied units remained stable at low levels. In 2000, about 42 percent of occupied units were owner-occupied. The County's figure was 58 percent.

Table 4
Housing Units by Tenure and Vacancy Status
Model City and Miami-Dade County
1990 to 2000

| | Model City | | | Miami-Dade | | |
|---------------------------------|------------|--------------------|--------|------------|--------------------|---------|
| | 1990 | Change 90 to 00 | 2000 | 1990 | Change 90 to 00 | 2000 |
| Total Units | 11,137 | -524 | 10,613 | 771,288 | 80,990 | 852,278 |
| Occupied Units | 9,940 | -767 | 9,173 | 692,355 | 84,419 | 776,774 |
| Owner Occupied | 4,064 | -236 | 3,828 | 375,912 | 73,413 | 449,325 |
| Renter Occupied | 5,876 | -531 | 5,345 | 316,443 | 11,006 | 327,449 |
| Vacant Units | 1,197 | 243 | 1,440 | 78,933 | -3,429 | 75,504 |
| For Rent | 602 | 16 | 618 | 31,611 | -11,745 | 19,866 |
| For Sale | 109 | 19 | 128 | 11,007 | -1,152 | 9,855 |
| Seasonal/Other | 265 | -158 | 107 | 32,736 | -3,090 | 29,646 |
| Vacant/Boarded Up/ Other Vacant | 221 | 366 | 587 | 3,579 | 12,558 | 16,137 |
| Percent | | | | | | |
| Total Units | 100% | -5% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% |
| Occupied Units | 89% | -8% | 86% | 90% | 104% | 91% |
| Owner Occupied | 36% | -6% | 36% | 49% | 91% | 53% |
| Renter Occupied | 53% | -9% | 50% | 41% | 14% | 38% |
| Vacant Units | 11% | 20% | 14% | 10% | -4% | 9% |
| For Rent | 5% | 3% | 6% | 4% | -15% | 2% |
| For Sale | 1% | 17% | 1% | 1% | -1% | 1% |
| Seasonal/Other | 2% | -60% | 1% | 4% | -4% | 3% |
| Vacant/Boarded Up/ Other Vacant | 2% | 166% | 6% | 0% | 351% | 2% |
| Vacancy Rate | 11% | -46% | 14% | 10% | -4% | 9% |

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000, Summary File 3, Miami-Dade County Department of Planning and Zoning, Research Section, 2003.

Housing Values and Rents

Housing values in Model City were much lower than the County average. About 94 percent of owner-occupied units were valued at less than \$100,000. The comparable County figure was 66 percent.

Table 5
Value of Specified Owner-Occupied Housing
Model City and Miami-Dade County
1990 to 2000

| | 1990 | | 2000 | |
|------------------------|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|
| | Model City | Miami- Dade | Model City | Miami- Dade |
| Total Units | 1,512 | 275,298 | 2,961 | 335,815 |
| less than \$30,000 | 522 | 4,095 | 246 | 2,097 |
| \$30,000 to \$59,999 | 1798 | 44,179 | 1039 | 13,900 |
| \$60,000 to \$99,999 | 690 | 129,221 | 1507 | 98,294 |
| \$100,000 to \$149,999 | 28 | 52,723 | 119 | 109,962 |
| \$150,000 to \$199,999 | 10 | 18,764 | 33 | 53,514 |
| \$200,000 + | 1 | 25,746 | 17 | 58,048 |
| Percent | | | | |
| Total Units | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% |
| less than \$30,000 | 34.5% | 1.5% | 8.3% | 0.6% |
| \$30,000 to \$59,999 | 118.9% | 16.0% | 35.1% | 4.1% |
| \$60,000 to \$99,999 | 45.6% | 46.9% | 50.9% | 29.3% |
| \$100,000 to \$149,999 | 1.9% | 19.2% | 4.0% | 32.7% |
| \$150,000 to \$199,999 | 0.7% | 6.8% | 1.1% | 15.9% |
| \$200,000 + | 0.1% | 9.4% | 0.6% | 17.3% |

Source: U. S. Bureau of the Census, Census of Population and Housing, Summary Tape File 1, Florida, 1990. U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000, Summary File 3, Miami-Dade County Department of Planning and Zoning, Research Section, 2003.

Rental costs also remained very low. About 84 percent rented for less than \$500. The comparable County figure was 28 percent.

Table 6
Contract Rent for Renter-Occupied Units
Model City and Miami-Dade County
1990 to 2000

| | 1990 | | 2000 | |
|-----------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| | Model City | Miami- Dade | Model City | Miami- Dade |
| Total Units | 5,646 | 305,935 | 5,257 | 326,833 |
| less than \$100 | 1300 | 15,527 | 767 | 18,675 |
| \$100 to \$199 | 1033 | 16,181 | 706 | 16,614 |
| \$200 to \$249 | 688 | 14,021 | 536 | 5,360 |
| \$250 to \$299 | 881 | 21,364 | 641 | 6,510 |
| \$300 to \$349 | 687 | 30,280 | 626 | 10,741 |
| \$350 to \$399 | 522 | 39,390 | 339 | 16,473 |
| \$400 to \$449 | 296 | 36,104 | 273 | 22,095 |
| \$450 to \$499 | 132 | 34,036 | 491 | 29,180 |
| \$500 to \$599 | 88 | 48,431 | 489 | 58,061 |
| \$600 to \$699 | 15 | 25,047 | 247 | 53,707 |
| \$700+ | 4 | 25,554 | 142 | 89,417 |
| Percent | | | | |
| Total Units | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% |
| less than \$100 | 23.0% | 5.1% | 14.6% | 5.7% |
| \$100 to \$199 | 18.3% | 5.3% | 13.4% | 5.1% |
| \$200 to \$249 | 12.2% | 4.6% | 10.2% | 1.6% |
| \$250 to \$299 | 15.6% | 7.0% | 12.2% | 2.0% |
| \$300 to \$349 | 12.2% | 9.9% | 11.9% | 3.3% |
| \$350 to \$399 | 9.2% | 12.9% | 6.4% | 5.0% |
| \$400 to \$499 | 5.2% | 11.8% | 5.2% | 6.8% |
| \$450 to \$499 | 2.3% | 11.1% | 9.3% | 8.9% |
| \$500 to \$599 | 1.6% | 15.8% | 9.3% | 17.8% |
| \$600 to \$699 | 0.3% | 8.2% | 4.7% | 16.4% |
| \$700+ | 0.1% | 8.4% | 2.7% | 27.4% |

Source: U. S. Bureau of the Census, Census of Population and Housing, Summary Tape File 1-A, Florida, 1990. U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000, Summary File 3, Miami-Dade County Department of Planning and Zoning, Research Section, 2003.

Income

Incomes in Model City were much lower than the County average.

A high 76 percent of all households with income had incomes below \$35,000 compared to 52 percent in Miami-Dade as a whole.

Table 7
Income Distribution
Households with Income
Model City and Miami-Dade County
1999

| | Model City | | | Miami-Dade | | |
|----------------------|-------------------|--------------|-----------------|-------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| | Total | Black | Hispanic | Total | Black | Hispanic |
| Less than \$10,000 | 3,161 | 2,667 | 460 | 107,901 | 27,389 | 62,527 |
| \$10,000 to \$14,999 | 1,154 | 957 | 205 | 58,409 | 12,035 | 35,437 |
| \$15,000 to \$24,999 | 1,693 | 1,400 | 235 | 111,649 | 22,886 | 67,667 |
| \$25,000 to \$34,999 | 1,034 | 885 | 138 | 100,833 | 19,273 | 59,907 |
| \$35,000 to \$49,999 | 1,005 | 859 | 140 | 121,780 | 21,239 | 69,946 |
| \$50,000 and over | 1,167 | 967 | 157 | 276,806 | 35,232 | 141,943 |
| Total Households | 9,214 | 7,735 | 1,335 | 777,378 | 138,054 | 437,427 |
| | Percent | | | | | |
| Less than \$10,000 | 34% | 34% | 34% | 14% | 20% | 14% |
| \$10,000 to \$14,999 | 13% | 12% | 15% | 8% | 9% | 8% |
| \$15,000 to \$24,999 | 18% | 18% | 18% | 14% | 17% | 15% |
| \$25,000 to \$34,999 | 11% | 11% | 10% | 13% | 14% | 14% |
| \$35,000 to \$49,999 | 11% | 11% | 10% | 16% | 15% | 16% |
| \$50,000 and over | 13% | 13% | 12% | 36% | 26% | 32% |
| Total Households | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% |

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000, Summary File 3, Miami-Dade County Department of Planning and Zoning, Research Section, 2003.

Poverty

In 2000, Model City was a high poverty area. The percent of persons in poverty (48 percent) was almost three times the County average (18 percent), and little changed from 1990 (49 percent).

Children were especially affected by poverty. Two of three children under five years in the Model City area (66 percent) were poor in 2000. This was much higher than the County's high poverty rate for children, about 23 percent.

Table 8
Number and Percent of Persons in Poverty
Model City and Miami-Dade County
1990 and 2000

| | Model City | | | | Miami-Dade | | | |
|---------------|------------|-----|--------|-----|------------|-----|---------|-----|
| | 1990 | | 2000 | | 1990 | | 2000 | |
| Total Persons | 15,131 | 49% | 13,708 | 48% | 341,261 | 18% | 396,995 | 18% |
| Black | 14,010 | 50% | 11,261 | 47% | 117,357 | 30% | 124,801 | 29% |
| Hispanic | 1,021 | 45% | 2,310 | 55% | 183,207 | 20% | 223,335 | 18% |
| Elderly | 1,280 | 41% | 1,096 | 33% | 52,706 | 20% | 55,020 | 19% |
| Young | | | | | | | | |
| Under 5 | 2,201 | 64% | 1,516 | 66% | 33,721 | 25% | 32,995 | 23% |
| Under 18 | 7,165 | 65% | 6,197 | 60% | 111,739 | 24% | 127,435 | 23% |

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000, Summary File 3, Miami-Dade County Department of Planning and Zoning, Research Section, 2003.

Household poverty rates in Model City reflected an improvement in poverty rates. About 26 percent of all family households were below the poverty level, down from 44 percent in 1990. Among female householder households with children, 44 percent were in poverty, down from the 65 percent in 1990, but higher than the County's 37 percent.

Table 9
Percent of Households in Poverty
Model City and Miami-Dade County
1980 and 1990

| | Model City | | | | Miami-Dade | | | |
|--|----------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| | 1990 | | 2000 | | 1990 | | 2000 | |
| | Number Poor | Percent Poor | Number Poor | Percent Poor | Number Poor | Percent Poor | Number Poor | Percent Poor |
| Family Households | 3,141 | 44% | 2,568 | 26% | 68,679 | 14% | 80,108 | 14% |
| Female headed families, with children & no husband present | 2,104 | 65% | 1,172 | 44% | 27,076 | 42% | 31,621 | 37% |

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000, Summary File 3, Miami-Dade County Department of Planning and Zoning, Research Section, 2003.

Employment

Labor Force Status

Model City had a high unemployment rate (20 percent) and a high percentage of persons 16 and over who were not in the labor force, i.e., neither employed nor looking for work. About 56 percent of adults age 16 and over were not in the labor force, compared to the County's 43 percent. The low labor force participation rate was not a reflection of a large retiree population. It reflected instead a large number of "discouraged" workers.

Table 10
Labor Force Status, Persons 16 Years and Over
Model City and Miami-Dade County
1990 and 2000

| | Model City | | | | Miami-Dade | | | |
|----------------------|------------|--------|-------|-----------------|------------|-----------|---------|-----------------|
| | 1990 | 2000 | | | 1990 | 2000 | | |
| | Total | Total | Black | Hispanic Origin | Total | Total | Black | Hispanic Origin |
| Civilian Labor Force | 10,653 | 8,733 | 7,180 | 1,409 | 976,754 | 1,009,456 | 184,703 | 586,601 |
| Employed | 9,050 | 6,989 | 5,772 | 1,117 | 901,828 | 921,208 | 159,184 | 535,989 |
| Unemployed | 1,603 | 1,744 | 1,408 | 292 | 74,926 | 88,248 | 25,519 | 50,612 |
| Not in Labor Force | 10,268 | 10,915 | 8,796 | 1,845 | 537,778 | 747,409 | 134,834 | 460,333 |
| Percent | | | | | | | | |
| Civilian labor Force | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% |
| Employed | 85% | 80% | 80% | 79% | 92% | 91% | 86% | 91% |
| Unemployed | 15% | 20% | 20% | 21% | 8% | 9% | 14% | 9% |
| Not in Labor Force | 49% | 56% | 55% | 57% | 36% | 43% | 42% | 44% |

Note: All figures refer to the civilian labor force. Members of the armed forces are excluded.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000, Summary File 3, Miami-Dade County Department of Planning and Zoning, Research Section, 2003.

Educational Attainment

The educational attainment levels of Model City's residents age 25 and over lagged behind the County average. About 47 percent had not completed high school compared with 15 percent Countywide. Only 5 percent completed four or more years of college compared to 21 percent in Miami-Dade.

Table 11
Educational Attainment
Persons Age 25 and Over
Model City and Miami-Dade County
1990 to 2000

| | 1990 | | 2000 | |
|--------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | Model City | Miami-Dade | Model City | Miami-Dade |
| Not High School Graduate | 9,605 | 448,282 | 7,209 | 229,000 |
| High School Graduate | 3,821 | 296,444 | 5,098 | 458,458 |
| 1-3 Years College | 2,347 | 296,109 | 2,339 | 536,040 |
| 4 Years of College + | 783 | 240,460 | 706 | 323,399 |
| Total | 16,556 | 1,281,295 | 15,352 | 1,546,897 |
| Percent | | | | |
| Not High School Graduate | 53.7% | 35.0% | 47.0% | 14.8% |
| High School Graduate | 26.5% | 23.1% | 33.2% | 29.6% |
| 1-3 Years College | 15.8% | 23.1% | 15.2% | 34.7% |
| 4 Years of College + | 4.0% | 18.8% | 4.6% | 20.9% |
| Total | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% |

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Census of Population and Housing, Summary Tape File 3A, Florida, 1990. U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000, Summary File 3, Miami-Dade County Department of Planning and Zoning, Research Section, 2003.